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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shelli Brobst for Alice Hughey - Acting Director
Health & Human Services Administration
REPORT BY: Shelli Brobst, Contracts Analyst - 253-4720
SUBJECT: Ambulance Ordinance (First Reading)

RECOMMENDATION

First reading and intention to adopt an ordinance updating the provisions of Division VI, Emergency Medical Services, Chapter 8.70 (Ambulance) of the Napa County Code.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Napa County Health and Human Services Agency is designated as Napa County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency. The EMS Agency's primary responsibility is to plan, implement, evaluate and improve the local EMS system and ensure the minimum standards developed by the California EMS Authority (EMSA) are met. The State guidelines recommend written provider agreements or an ordinance as a mechanism to ensure that EMS system participants comply with applicable policies and procedures regarding system operations and clinical care. Napa County currently has an ambulance ordinance (No. 1344) and additionally has written agreements with the current 911 emergency response ambulance companies – American Medical Response West (AMR) and Angwin Community Ambulance (ACA).

The proposed revisions to the existing ordinance will:

- Establish clear requirements for Certification of Operation and renewal of certificate and related permit(s);
- Establish a simplified renewal process while ensuring State and local compliance requirements;
- Allow and encourage electronic submission of applications on local EMS forms provided online; and
- Clearly explain when and how late fees apply to the renewal process and allow for a less stringent late fee renewal time period.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Open Public Hearing.
2. Staff reports.
3. Public comments.
4. Close Public Hearing.
5. Clerk reads the Ordinance Title.
6. Motion, second, discussion and vote to waive the balance of the reading of the ordinance.
7. Motion, second, discussion and vote on intention to adopt the ordinance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

On July 13, 2010, the Napa County Board of Supervisors formally adopted an ambulance ordinance to ensure that EMS system participants comply with applicable policies and procedures regarding system operations and clinical care.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1797.200, Napa County has designated the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency as its Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency. During the last three years, this ordinance has integrated all licensed ambulances operating in Napa County into the EMS system, thus enhancing the EMS system's ability to respond to large scale multi-casualty incidents and disasters. The ordinance also increased the EMS system's ability to respond to surge events with a minimum impact on resources in contiguous counties.

The ambulance ordinance has allowed the LEMSA to ensure safety standards compliance, vehicle licensure and staff training for all patient transport units operating in Napa County, as well as bring the local EMS Agency into compliance with the recommendations of the EMSA Universal Standards and Guidelines.

The proposed revisions to the existing ordinance allow for a simplified yet comprehensive application and renewal of application. These revisions encourage a green environment and show the LEMSA's collaborative spirit in the enforcement and regulation oversight of ambulance service requirements.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Ordinance (redlined version)
- B . Ordinance (Clean)

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Karen Collins